IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE BEFORE THE Corner of N/S Seminary Avenue * ZONING COMMISSIONER

8th Election District * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 3rd Councilmanic District

Seminary Overlook Ltd. Partnership Petitioner

* Case No. 92-391-A

* * * * * * * * * * AMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The above captioned matter originally came before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance for that subdivision known as Seminary Overlook. Specifically, the Petition requested four (4) variances as they relate to distances between proposed dwellings within the subdivision. By my Order of May 26, 1992, the Petition was granted, with restrictions.

Following the issuance of my Order, counsel for the Petitioner advised that Restriction 2 of said Order erroneously characterized the agreement by and between the Developer and certain residents of the locale who appeared as Protestants. Specifically, counsel advised that the Developer had agreed to maintain a split rail fence on the west side of the tract or plant trees in place of the fence. The original restriction referenced only the maintenance of the split rail fence. Under these circumstances, my Order shall be reflected to amend the aforementioned

agreement. NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 37 day of August, 1992 that the Order rendered on May 26, 1992 in this case be and is hereby amended so as to delete Restrico o tion No. 2 in its entirety and in lieu thereof state:

2. After construction by the Developer, the homeowners association will either maintain the

architect for this project, and Frederick Chadsey, the engineer who pre-

pared the site plan. Also appearing in support of the Petition were Phil-

ip Kenney and Henry Wright, neighbors of the subdivision. Appearing in

opposition to the Petition were Deidre Marlowe, Michael Scher, Barbara

Sutton, Granger G. Sutton and Arthur Trump, all residents of the subject

testified that his company owns the property and is now in the process of

selling lots to three different builders, namely, Richmond American,

Talles and Landmark Homes. These builders will construct houses on the

lots within this subdivision. The houses are expected to be sold to the

public for \$275,000 to \$350,000.00. Construction is scheduled to begin

that the density requirements for the subject site permitted 270 units,

however, only 177 were proposed. Further CRG approval for the project was

granted on July 13, 1989. Echoing Mr. Greenbaum's testimony, Mr. Bailey

noted that the sole purpose of the variances was to enable the builders to

Frederick Chadsey also testified in favor of the Petition. He ex-

plained in detail the proposed plans and noted the public's preference and

esthetical considerations which encourage side load rather than front load

garages. That is, the side road garages will present a better street

appearance for the subdivision and provide a better esthetic scheme for

the proposed residences. Mr. Chadsey also noted that, under the new Com-

prehensive Manual for Development Process (CMDP), the subject variances

would not be necessary. Those standards are lesser than those which are

Charles Bailey, the landscape architect also testified. He noted

soon with occupancy on the first unit by the end of 1992.

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Mr. Greenbaum introduced the site plan and explained the project. He

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split rail fence on the west side of the tract or plant trees in place of the fence. Trees will be planted next to Lots 1 and 2 on Block E and Lots 24, 25 and 26 on Block D; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the terms of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order issued on May 26, 1992 are hereby readopted and incorporated herein as if fully set forth, except as expressly modified;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any appeal from this Amended Order must be filed within thirty days from the date hereof in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

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Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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in effect in 1989 and are, therefore, binding on this subdivision because of CRG approval at that time. Mr. Chadsey also noted that density is not affected by the variances and opined that the Petitioner would suffer

practical difficulty if the variances were denied.

In considering the comments of the Protestants, it is clear that many were uncertain as to the nature of the hearing before me. Their questions were more directed towards storm water management concerns, landscaping and density. Although these concerns are well founded, they are not actually relevant to the nature of the question of the variances before me. That is, I am required to adjudge the variances based on their own merits. The development process, which has been concluded, is where the Protestants' concerns should have been addressed. Notwithstanding the process, however, the Petitioner will acquiesce to any restriction regarding landscaping on certain portions of the property. Specifically, he will agree that lots 1 and 2 on block E and lots 24, 25 and 26 on block D will be landscaped and that the split rail fence on the west side of the tract next to those lots will be maintained. Maintenance will be the obligation of the developer during construction and the homeowners association of this community, thereafter.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;

> 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxa-

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August 27, 1992

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire Evans, George and Bronstein Susquehanna Building, Suite 205 29 West Susquehanna Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Petition for Zoning Variance Case No. 92-391-A Seminary Overlook Ltd. Partnership

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

In response to your letter dated June 1, 1992, please find enclosed my Amended Order regarding the above captioned case. This Order reflects the replacement of Restriction No. 2, as requested. My apologies for the delay in submitting this to you.

However, if you have any questions regarding this Amended Order, please do not hestiate to contact me.

> Very truly yours, 2000 x 1000 (1997) LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner

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cc: Mrs. Diedre Marlowe Mrs. Michael Scher Mr. and Mrs. Granger G. Sutton Mr. Arthur Trump

IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE * Corner of N/S Seminary Avenue and E/S of Thornton Road ZONING COMMISSIONER 3th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Seminary Overlook Ltd. * Case No. 92-391-A Partnership Petitioner * * * * * * * * * *

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Zoning Variance for that subdivision known as Seminary Overlook, located in the Lutherville section of Baltimore County. Specifically, the Petitioner requests four (4) variances, as they relate to distances between the proposed dwellings. These variances are; (1) from Section 1B01.2.c.1 to permit 30 ft. distance between buildings of 30 to 40 ft. in height, in lieu of the required 40 ft.; (2) from Section IB01.2.c.2.b. and Section V.B.6.c (CMDP) to permit a distance of 30 ft. between the centers of facing windows in lieu of the required 40 ft.; (3) a variance from Section 504 and Section V.B.6.b. (CMDP) to permit distances of 5 ft. and 10 ft. from a window to a side yard lot line in lieu of the required 15 ft.; (4) from Section 1B01.2.c.2.a and Section V.B.5.a (CMDP) to permit a distance of 30 ft. from a tract boundary to a window in lieu of the required 35 ft. All of the proposed variances and lots, which are subject to this request, are more particularly shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, the site plan to accompany the Petition.

The Petitioner, Seminary Overlook Limited Partnership, by Stewart J. Greenbaum, President of Seminary Overlook, Inc., General Partner, appeared and was represented by Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire. Also appearing and testifying in support of the Petition was Charles Bailey, the landscape

tion than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variances are granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variances are not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance requested, and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular par-In addition, the variances requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety and general welfare. Further, granting of the variance will be in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this do day of mey, 1992 that a variance from Section 1B01.2.c.1 to permit 30 ft. distance between buildings of 30 to 40 ft. in height, in lieu of the required 40 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

1T IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance from Section 1B01.2.c.2.b. and Section V.B.6.c (CMDP) to permit a distance of 30 ft. between the centers of facing windows, in lieu of the required 40 ft., be and is hereby GRANT-

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance from Section 504 and Section V.B.6.b. (CMDP) to permit distances of 5 ft. and 10 ft. from a window to a side yard lot line, in lieu of the required 15 ft., be and is hereby GRANT-

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance from Section 1B01.2.c.2.a and Section V.B.5.a (CMDP) to permit a distance of 30 ft. from a tract boundary to a window, in lieu of the required 35 ft., all in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioner may apply for its building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

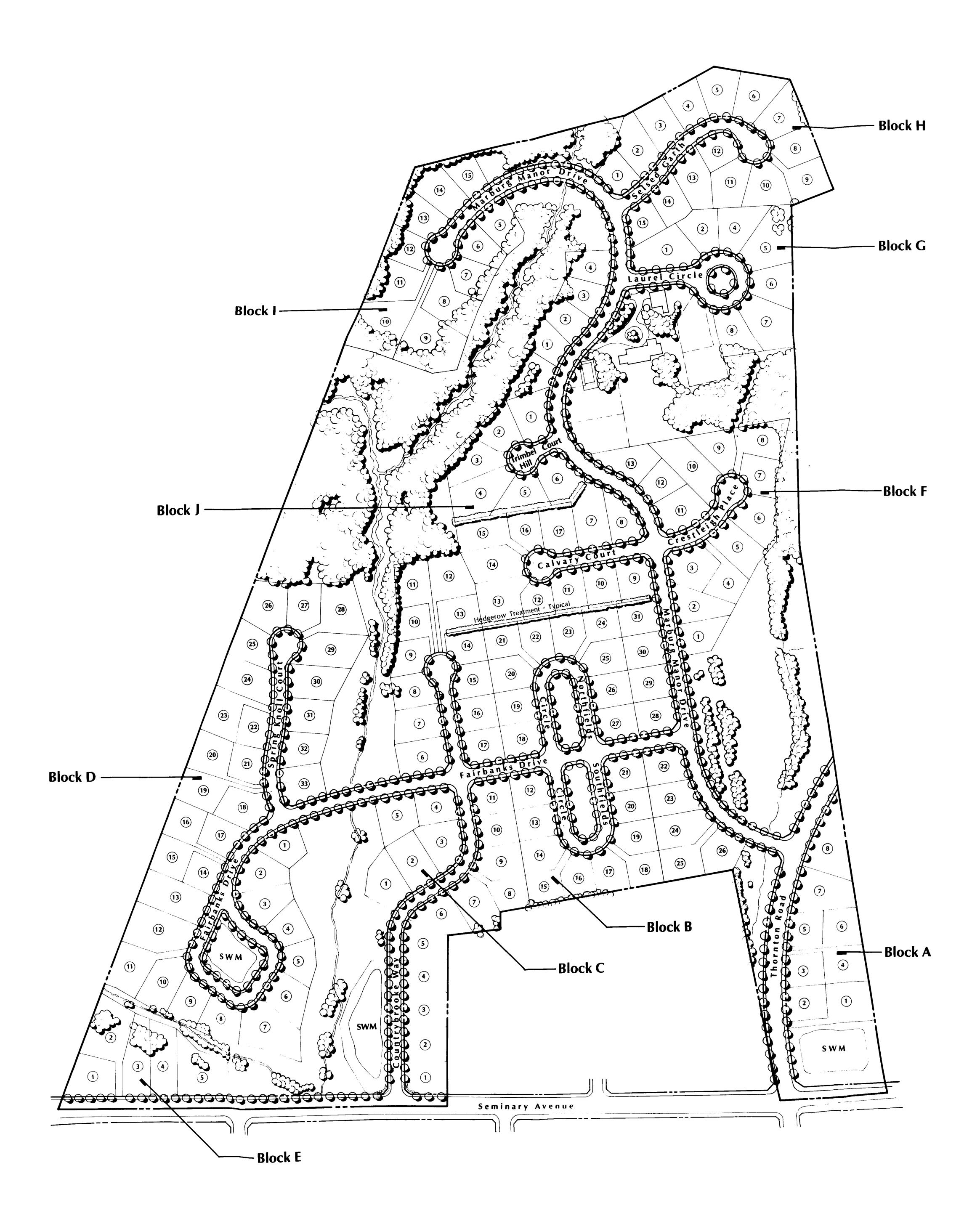
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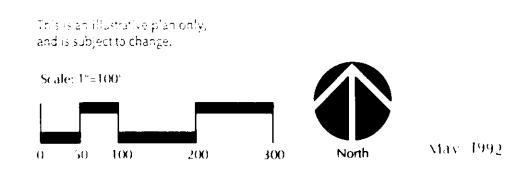
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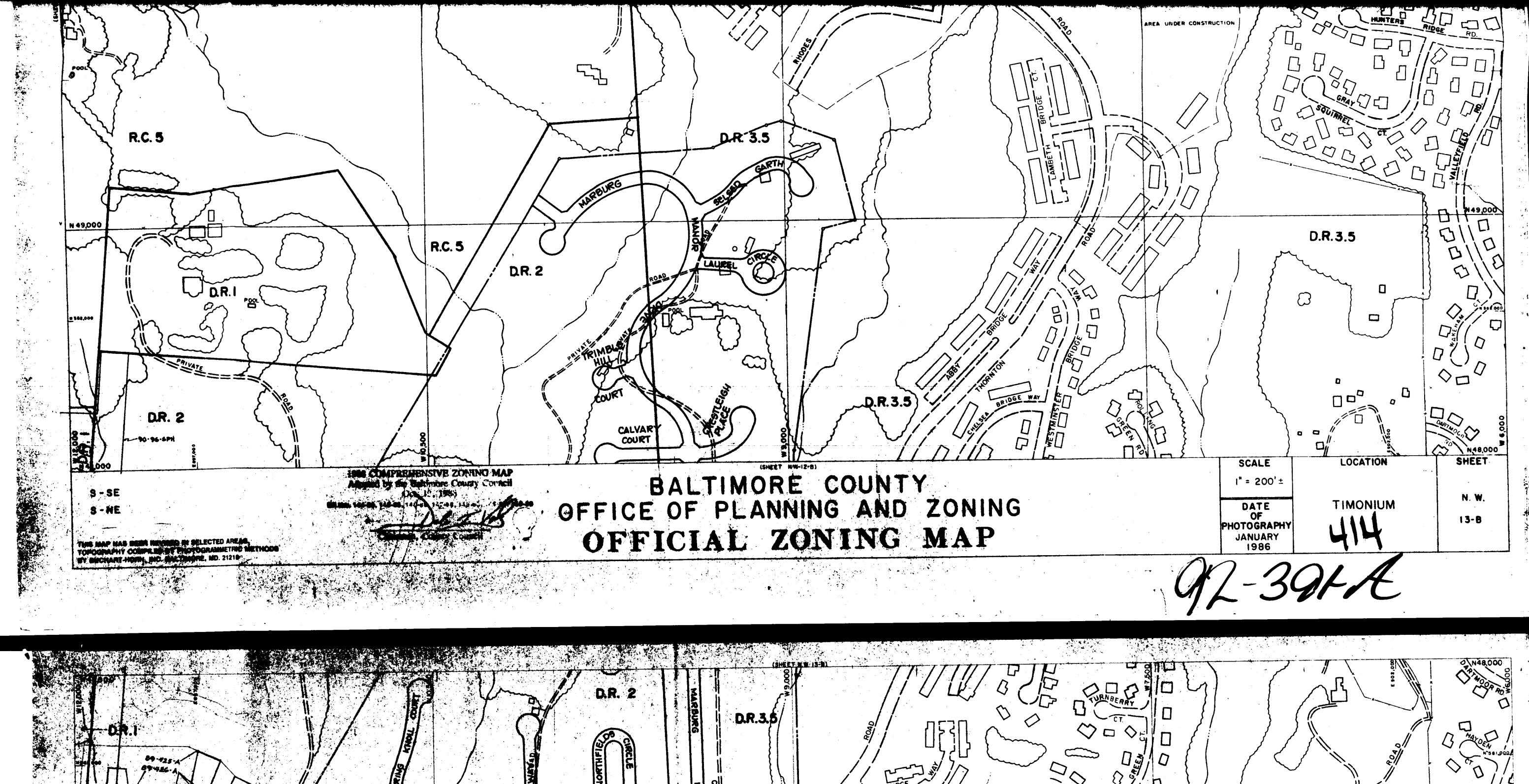
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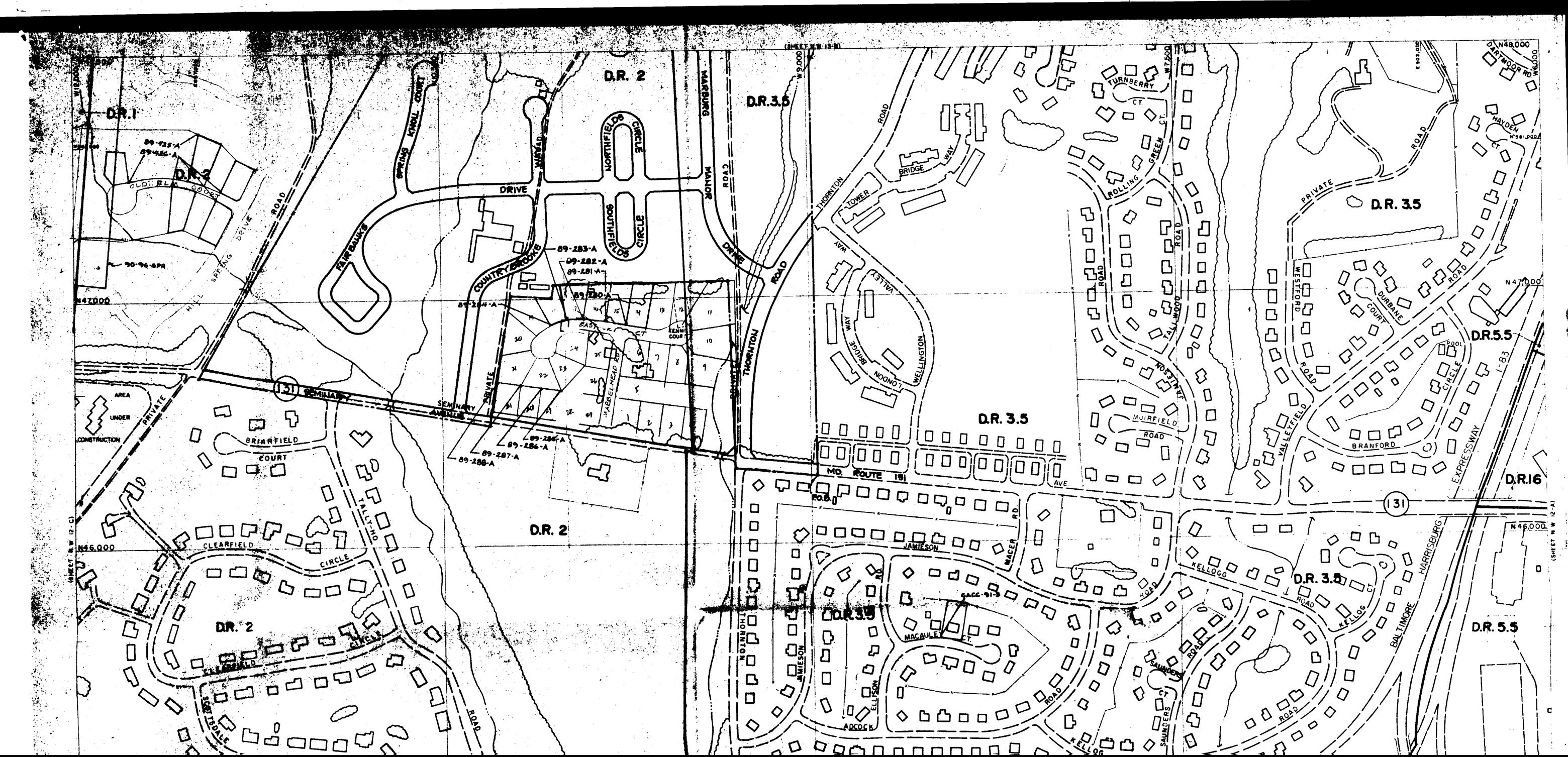


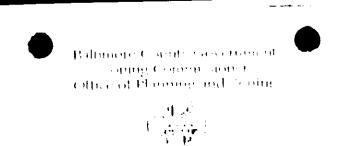


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May 22, 1992

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue Suite 205 Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Petition for Zoning Variance Seminary Overlook Ltd. Partnership Case No. 92-391-A

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned cases. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

> Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

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cc: Mr. Charles Bailey Mr. Rick Chadsey Mrs. Deidre Marlowe

Mrs. Michael Scher Mr. and Mrs. Granger G. Sutton Mr. Arthur Trump

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

Seminary Avenue & Thornton Road which is presently zoned DR 2 & DR 3.5 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached

As per attached Schedule

hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

- of the Zoning Hegulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

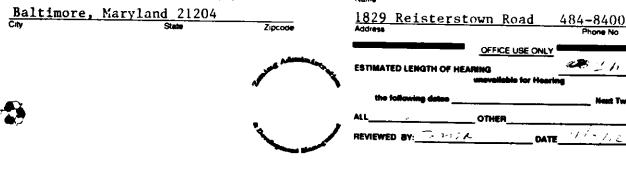
 1. The site is extremely tight with numerous environmental restraints.

 2. Window to window, height to height, window to property line & window to tract boundary setbacks are too restrictive in these zonings. In fact these setbacks are being reduced by the new CMPD.

 3. Size of lots & terrain make it impossible to build a modern home & meet the requirements of the zoning regulations.

 4. The restrictive covenants and public demand in this area require the erection of larger boundary. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of penjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Legal Owner(s) SEMENARY OVERLOOK LTD. PTNR. SEMINARY OVERLOOK LTD. PTNR. BY: SEMINARY OVERLOOK, INC. GENERAL PARTNER SEMINARY OVERLOOK, INC. GENERAL PARTNER STEVART J. GREENEBAUM, PRESIDENT 1829 Reisterstown Road, Suite 410 BENIAMIN BRONSTEIN
(Type, at Print Name) 1829 Reistanatown Road, Suita 410 Baltimore, Maryland 21208
State Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative



Stewart J. Greenebaum

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Variances Requested

- Variance from Section 1B01.2c.1 to permit 30 feet distances between buildings of 30 to 40 feet in height in lieu of the required 40 feet. (See chart attached hereto for subject lot numbers.)
- 2. Variance from Section 1B01.2.c.2.b and Section V.B.6.c (CMPD) to permit a distance of 30 feet between the centers of facing windows in lieu of the required 40 feet. (See chart for subject lot numbers.)
- 3. Variance from Section 504 and Section V.B.6.b. (CMPD) to permit distances of 5 feet and 10 feet from a window to a side yard lot line in lieu of the required 15 feet. (See chart for subject lots)
- 4. Variance from Section 1B01.2.c.2.a and Section V.B.5.a (CMPD) to permit a distance of 30 feet from a tract boundry to a window in lieu of the required 35 feet. (See chart for subject lot numbers.)

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FROM THE OFFICE OF GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR. & ASSOCIATES, INC. 658 KENILWORTH DRIVE, SCITE 100, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

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CASE NUMBER: 92-391-A Corner of N/S Seminary Avenue and E/S Thornton Road 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Seminary Overlook Limited Partnership

Dear Petitioner(s):

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cc: Benjamin Bronstein, Esq.

Baltimore County Governmen Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

APRIL 15, 1992

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 118, Baltimore County Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 92-391-A Corner of N/S Seminary avenue and E/S Thornton Road 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Seminary Overlook Limited Partnership HEARING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1992 at 2:00 p.m.

Variance to permit 30 feet distances between buildings of 30 to 40 feet in height in lieu of the required 40 feet; to permit a distance of 30 feet between the centers of facing windows in lieu of the required 40 feet; to permit distances of 5 feet and 10 feet from a window to side yard lot line in lieu of the required 15 feet; and to permit a distance of 30 feet from a tract boundary to a window in lieu of the required 35 feet.

Baltimore County

Benjamin Bronstein, Esq.

NOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 2120+

May 14, 1992

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 205 Baltimore, MD 21204

> RE: Item No. 414, Case No. 92-391-A Petitioner: Seminary Overlook, et al Petition for Variance

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Dear Mr. Bronstein:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

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Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 7th day of April, 1992.

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Petitioner: Seminary Overlook, et al Petitioner's Attorney: Benjamin Bronstein BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING New Courts Bldg - 401 Bosley Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

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FROM:	Office of	Office of Planning and Zoning			
DATE:	April 27, 1992				
SUBJECT:	Seminary Overlook				
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Petition	er:	Seminary Overlook Ltd. Ptnr.			
Property	Size:	105.38 acres			
Zoning:		DR 2 and DR 3.5			
Requeste	d Action:	Variances			

The petitioner is requesting variances: to allow 30' distances between houses, to allow 30' between facing windows, to allow distances of 5' and 10' from window to a side yard lot line and to allow a distance of 30' from tract boundary to window.

The Office of Planning and Zoning recommends DENIAL of the petitioners request. This particular site has environmental constraints which prevented the developer from utilizing the entire acreage of the site. Therefore, in order to maximize the density that would have been allowed the developer is creating lots that do not meet minimum standards. Maximization of density is a function of site conditions. In some cases, it is not possible to build out to the allowable number of units because of site constraints.

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The subject property received CRG approval on 07/13/89/. At that time considerable effort was directed towards creating a sensitive, innovate site design. The request for blanket variances usually signals that 1) the developer is requesting variances in order to build innovative housing types such as zero lot line or zipper lot type project; or 2) the developer wishes to provide larger homes on

smaller lots. In this particular case the latter applies.

The petitioner states on the variance application (comment #4) "the restrictive covenants and public demand in this area require the erection of larger homes". By allowing the developer to construct larger houses on smaller than minimum sized lots this subdivision will be out of character with the surrounding communi-

In addition, although the requested variances may meet the new C.M.D.P. regulations the development was not approved through the new development process nor subject to the new design guidelines which were also generated along with the new

The Office of Planning and Zoning recommends that the developer eliminate some lots in order to conform to the zoning regulations.

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Department of Recreation and Parks Development Review Committee Response Form Authorized signature _____ Date 5/4/91 Project Name Meeting Date Zoning Issue 10201-19 Dolfield Road HP Comments 200 Norris Ave. RP 2824-2828 Paper Mill Road (Victoria Woods CRG) nr 13024 Gent Road (Manly Property (minor sub expanded to CRG)) 413 / RP Seminary Overlook (Seminary & Thornton) CRG 2200 Joppa Road 417 1001 Dakland Road Description 17 (2) Broadview II (Related to CRG refinement) COUNT 20 4 Hilltop Road North 420 / DEPRIM RP (AT EIRD) 10609 Brooklawn Road RP DOUG CALLES WAS A STATE OF THE STATE OF T 422 🗸 8945 Satyr Hill Road

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

April 15, 1992

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

DIVISION OF GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Zoning Comments

The agenda for the zoning advisory committee meeting of April 13, 1992 has been reviewed by the Department of the Environmental Protection and Resource Management staff.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: May 19, 1992

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ZONING COMMISSI**ONE**

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There is no comment for the following item numbers:

SSF:rmp

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TO: Larry Schmidt

INFORMATION:

Item Number: 414

Zoning: DR 2, 3.5

Hearing Date: 5/20/92

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Property Size: 105.38± acres

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Seminary Overlook - Amended Comments

Petitioner: Seminary Overlook Ltd-Partnership

Requested Action: Blanket variances to allow reduced building to building setbacks.

On April 27, 1992 the Office of Planning and Zoning submitted

which would then allow conformance with the regulations.

desire to provide larger homes on these lots. It is the

the proposed effects of the changes (see attached).

written comments to the Zoning Advisory Committee regarding the

petitioner's request. The recommendation in that correspondence was not favorable based upon staff's feeling that compliance with the new C.M.D.P. regulations should be commensurate with a new

design or redesign of the existing site to increase the lot sizes

Staff also raised issues regarding the aesthetic implications of the request and the effect that the request would have on the built

form of the subdivision. Since submitting our comments staff has met with the petitioner in order to address these concerns. Based upon conversations with the petitioners the following was disclosed.

The particular nature of the request was not based solely on the

petitioners desire to provide side access to the garages rather

than front access. There is absolutely no doubt that this will provide a better streetscape amenity than front access garages. Staff requested and received a small site analysis which detailed



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Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

Item No.: 414 (MJK)

RE: Property Owner: SEMINARY OVERLOOK LTD. PRNR.

CORNER OF N/S SEMINARY AVENUE

Location:

Zoning Agenda: APRIL 13, 1992

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1988 edition prior to occupancy.

_ Approved _____ Fire Prevention Bureau Special Inspection Division

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It is the intent of the petitioner to sell a certain portion of the lots to other builders. Schematic building elevations were requested by staff and provided by the petitioner in order to show the types of buildings that would be used in the subdivision. The type of buildings anticipated for this development can be classified as a higher end (of the market) product.

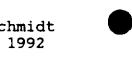
The reduced setbacks between structures generated concerns of landscaping and treatment of the streetscape. Staff was informed that as a condition of building, each lot would be subject to rather stringent landscaping requirements that went beyond what is required by the Baltimore County Landscape Manual.

Based upon the additional information received, staff recommends APPROVAL of the petitioner's request subject to the following conditions.

- 1. Schematic building elevations, displayed as an Attachment to the petitioner's exhibits should be provided as part of the petition.
- 2. A copy of the landscaping requirements which the respective builders will be subject to should be provided as part of the petition.

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Larry Schmidt May 19, 1992











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June 1, 1992



The Honorable Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Zoning Variance Seminary Overlook Ltd. Partnership Case No.: 92-391-A

Dear Commissioner Schmidt:

Thank you for your Order dated May 26, 1992. On behalf of the Petitioner I am requesting that you amend the language of condition number 2 of your Order to read as follows:

After construction by the developer, the homeowners association will either maintain the split rail fence on the west side of the tract or plant trees in place of the fence. Trees will be planted next to Lots 1 and 2 on Block E and Lots 24, 25, and 26 on Block D.

It was never the intention of the parties to maintain both a split rail fence and trees. The foregoing paragraph represents the agreement with the neighbors.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

very truly yours, EVANS, GEORGE AND BRONSTEIN

Benjamin Bronstein

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May 25, 1992

Mr. Lawrence Schmidt Baltimore County Zoning Commission Room 113 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21202

RE: Variance Request 92-391-A

Dear Mr. Schmidt,

The Fields at Seminary Homeowners Association is opposed to Variance 92-391-A. It is our opinion that the variance would have a negative impact on the property values of the homes that are located in The Fields at Seminary. Although we are not opposed to the development of the property currently know as Overlook, we are opposed to the density of the project. More specifically we are very concerned about its implications to traffic congestion, water run off and effect to the water table. We are not aware that the development of this property was ever intended for cluster zoning.

> Respectfully Richard P. Brown President





June 4, 1992

Mr. Lawrence Schmidt Baltimore County Zoning Commission Room 113 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21202

RE: Variance Request 92-391-A

Dear Mr. Schmidt,

One May 25, 1992 The Fields at Seminary Homeowners Association advised you of our opposition to Variance 92-391-A. After a further review of the Variance, we have elected to rescind our objection.

> Richard P. Brown President



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S. Lawrence Schmidt Zoning Commissioner 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Md. 21204

May 19, 1992

Dear Commissioner Schmidt,

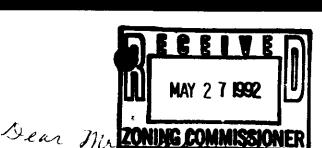
Unfortunately, neither of us was able to attend the meeting to be held today, but I understand our comments can be added to the file. We are writing to protest Variance 92-391-A, which concerns the development of a tract to be called Seminary Overlook. We reside in Seminary Ridge, and have done so for sixteen years. During this time, we have watched development after development roll in and obliterate the countryside. Some developments have been better planned than others, but a few have combined large houses and small property lots to the detriment of all.

We most certainly do not need yet another development of even larger houses to be placed on lots as small as 1/3 acre or less! We are crowded enough - come take a look if you don't believe it. Seminary Avenue has turned into a major thoroughfare, it seems. Open space is at a real premium in our area now - in fact, there is almost none left. It is criminal to develop and develop without consideration for those who live in the areas to be consulted. We really resent the hasty way in which this has been packaged and presented.

We would appreciate the denial of this variance, or, at least, a delay so that the plans can be examined further.

> Catel m Hawyun Christopher M. Harvey, M.D. Barbara CHarney Barbara C. Harvey





15 Scottsdale Cl Luth ville mi May 20, 1992

The are writing to you to regester our protest against lariance 92-391-A as residents of the community and toxpayers, we feel the plans for Seminary Overlook much be revised Presently the plans will mean more traffer, noise and reduced Dervices in our area especially our schoole. Not too mention in increase in water table palutrow and erosion.

your reputation as a concerned civil servant and an individual who cares about. the environment assures us that you will personally insure. That this matter is remembed and alternative plans prapased y we can help, please of the Rnow and we will DANIEL and CHARISSE WERNECKE 19 Hickory Knoll Court Hillside at Seminary Lutherville, Maryland 21093 410-321-8284

Zoning Commissioner Room 113 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing to strongly protest Variance 92-391-A. We are residents of Hillside at Seminary and as such, have invested a substantial amount on our property.

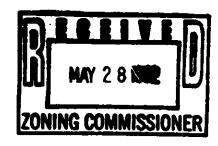
We very concerned about the overcrowding in our public school (Riderwood Elementary) and with the Board of Education budget, see no relief in sight. The Seminary Overlook development is going to worsen the already unacceptable number of children in the classes.

What about the soil erosion problems we are already experiencing? While we built our home in 1988, we were required by Baltimore County to provide silt fencing around our property. Why is there mud and silt on Seminary Avenue with no silt fences? It is very disturbing that the developers Greenbaum and Rose are apparently not providing silt fences as well.

Finally, our property taxes are based on a value which will be significantly reduced by this elimination of trees, elimination of the scenic corridor, further overcrowding of school, further diminishment of county services in the area and increased risk of water table pollution. Do not grant the developers' request for variance 92-391-A.

Sincerely,

Charisse Wernecke



PROTESTANT(S)	SIGN-IN	S

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